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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Timothy M. Johns et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3611  
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Application No.: 10/781,629 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
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For: LIFTING SYSTEMS AND ) Confirmation No.: 4131  
METHODS FOR USE WITH A )  
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Please associate the enclosed declaration with the application, grant any extensions of time required to enter this response, and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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